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IMPORT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased coal imports for power plants recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether it would impact on National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State of Kerala has got any benefit from such developments and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the coal import in the country, if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): As per information furnished by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the details of coal imported by power utilities during last three years to bridge the shortfall in domestic coal availability and to meet the requirement of coal for the power plants designed on imported coal are given below.

(Figure in Million Tonnes)

Years	Total Import
2012-13	63.2
2013-14	80.0
2014-15	91.2

During the year 2015-16, in order to meet the shortfall in domestic coal availability, Power utilities have been advised to import 73 MT. In addition, imported coal requirement for power plants designed on imported coal has been estimated as 42 MT.

(c)&(d): During last three years NTPC has imported 9.1 MT, 10.84 MT & 16.18 MT respectively. In addition, during 2015-16, NTPC Ltd. has been assigned aprogramme of 22MT import of coal to meet the shortfall in its domestic coal availability. During 2014-15, NTPC could generate estimated additional power of 9.5 billion Kwh by using imported coal at its Stations. Kerala also got benefit from this additional generation proportional to its allocation.

(e): In order to minimize the import dependency, the focus of the Government is to increase the domestic production of coal which includes efforts to expedite Environment & Forest clearances expeditiously, pursuing with State Government for assistance in land acquisition and coordinated efforts with Railways for movement of coal. Coal India Limited (CIL) also envisages enhancing its coal production from the current level of 494 Mte. to 1000 Mte. by 2019-20 for which a detailed action plan has been drawn.However, due to insufficient reserves of coking coal in the country, import dependency for coking coal is expectedto continue.